Government's decesion over Goa declaration

7977. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "Government undecided over Goa declaration" which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 7th March, 1995; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto and for how long the confusion is likely to be there on such a crucial issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (Shri R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir. A four nation workshop on Global and Regional Arms Control was held in Goa from 14-19 January 1995. This was an NCO activity and no Indian official attended the Goa meeting.

(b) Government's policy on disarmament remains consistent and is outlined in India's Action Plan to usher in a Nuclear Weapon Free and Non-Violent World Order presented to the UN General Assembly's Third Special Session devoted to Disarmament in 1988. Government do not propose to take any initiative based upon the deliberations of the meeting in Goa.

Chaotic condition of Sapru House Library

7978. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Dainik Hindustan' of 11th April, 1995 under the caption 'Khasta Hallat Hai Sapru House Pushtakalaya Ka';

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Administration of the ICWA is having a good source of income from rent but every year some books are found misplaced from the library, only old stocks of books are available and the Administration could not spend more amount for the purchase of books; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) is an autonomous body, registered under the Registration of Societies Act. As such, Government has no control over its functioning. However, Government has been receiving from Members of Parliament and Public complaints regarding mismanagement and unsatisfactory functioning of the Sapru House Library. Government has suggested to the management of the Council to pass a resolution for the appointment of a high-powered advisory/supervisory committee to look into the affairs of the Council. The governing body has yet to pass the resolution. The Government will be able to take further action only after such a resolution is passed and is intimated to the Government.

Publications of External Publicity Division

7979. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the new publications brought out by the External Publicity Division;

(b) why were the copies of these publications not supplied to Members of Parliament;

(c) whether complimentary copies of Muslims in India (both the volumes) would be supplied to the Members of Parliament;

(d) if so, when; and

(e) if not, why?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) A list of publications brought out by External Publicity Division of the Ministry of External Affairs from January 1994 to date is in given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) Certain publications were made available to Members of Consultative Committee and Standing Committee of Parliament for MEA and to individual Members of Parliament on request. Action has been taken to place a copy of each of these publications in the Parliament House Library.

(c) Complimentary copies of 'Muslims in India' (Vol. I & II) can be supplied to Members of Parliament on request.

(d) Both volumes are presently at different stages of reprinting and can be made available as soon as they are ready.

(e) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

Following are the publications brought out by the External publicity Division of the MEA during the period January 1994 to date:—

(i) Muslims in India Vol. II

(ii) Speech by H. E. Vaclav Havel. president of the Czech Republic on the occasion of receiving the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development at Rastrapati Bhavan on February 8, 1994.

(iii) The Kashmir story by M. L. Kotru.

(iv) Prime Minister Shri P. V. Narasimha Rao Visits USA.

(v) Prime Minister Shri P. V. Narasimha Rao Visits Russia.

(vi) Prime Minister Shri P. V. Narasimha Rao Visits Singapore.

(vii) Indian Foreign Office: Its Properties and Art Objects.

(viii) Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao Speaks on Social Issues: Excerpts from speeches by the Prime Minister of India.

(ix) Sharing of River Waters between India and Bangladesh: The Real Story

Entry of Indian Criminals to Canada

7980. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news published in the Pioneer dated the 20th March, 1995 to the effect that Indian criminals are entering Canada; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R L BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Our High Commission in Ottawa has been cautioning the concerned Canadian Authorities from time to time about the possibility of Indian criminals illegally entering Canada The concerned Canadian authorities are fully aware of this possibility and have been vigilant and cooperative.

Compensation to Indians by Myanmar

7981. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to